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## PROPOSE TO DIVE STATE CONFERENCE

Revs. J. H. Amiss and J. W. Bledsoe Present Memorial, Which Goes to Committee.

## STATEWIDE PROHIBITION WILL BE RECOMMENDED

Report Made Public, Though It May Not Reach Conference Before Monday—Election of Delegates to General Conference Occupies Part of Day.

Reports of the presiding elders, the election of clerical and lay delegates to the General Conference, which meets in Asheville in May, 1940, and a memorial providing for the division of the Virginia conference into two sections occupied the attention of the Virginia annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, yesterday. The memorial to divide the conference into half was presented by Rev. J. H. Amiss and Rev. J. W. Bledsoe and was referred to the committee on memorials. This matter has been up before the conference on several occasions and, though it is liable to provoke an animated discussion, it is hardly probable that it will be seriously considered by the majority.

Although it has not yet been formally brought before the conference, the report of the committee on temperance, which was made public yesterday, was generally discussed among the delegates during the day and evening and apparently the report meets with the approval of a majority of the delegates.

### For State-wide Prohibition.

As had been forecasted, the report declares for State-wide prohibition and urges the Anti-saloon League of Virginia to present to the general assembly of the State a bill giving the qualified voters of Virginia the right to call for a vote upon the State-wide prohibition question. The report endorses "the conservative and practical methods of the Anti-saloon League" and declares that the "conference rejoices in the great results that has followed the work" in the State. Incidentally the report takes a "dig" at the newspapers of the State which have opposed prohibition and the attitude of these papers is "deplored."

All pastors and teachers of the church are urged to preach and teach the Bible doctrine that drunkenness is a crime and it commends to local societies and to town and city governments "the use of posters in public places setting forth the evils that follow the use of intoxicating liquors."

### Special Order For Monday.

The consideration of the report of the temperance committee has been made the special order of the day for Monday and it will be thoroughly discussed at that time. The report was prepared by Dr. James Cannon, Jr., the superintendent of the Anti-saloon League of Virginia, and there is hardly any doubt but that it will be adopted by the conference without change.

In some quarters of the State, the report of the committee is taken to foreshadow an immediate campaign by petition to the legislature on the part of the voters of the cities and counties which the Anti-saloon League's executive committee will launch.

The impression seems to be that the conference will certainly adopt the report. The fact that Dr. Cannon heads the temperance committee of the conference is looked upon as significant of the attitude the Anti-saloon League will assume.

### Delegates to General Conference.

In spite of the fact that two sessions were held yesterday, the conference did not complete the election of delegates to the general conference and this morning one more clerical and three more lay delegates will be named. The following delegates to the conference were elected yesterday on the first ballot: Clerical—B. F. Lipscomb, James Cannon, Jr.; W. Asbury

## BASKETBALL SEASON WILL OPEN TONIGHT

Irish Meet Dutch and French Will Battle With Indians at Y. M. C. A.

The basketball season in this city will be ushered in tonight with two games at the Young Men's Christian Association. The Irish will meet the Dutch, while the French and Indians will battle for honors. These will be the first games of the regular winter tournament.

Open house will be held at the association tonight and a large crowd is expected. Refreshments will be served and an impromptu literary and musical program will be rendered.

## PEARY DECLARES HE MADE GOOD TO ALL

Commander Makes First Public Speech Since Recognition as Discoverer of Pole.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—"I am glad to myself, my friends and the flag of my country," declared Commander Robert E. Peary tonight, describing his feeling when he reached the North Pole. It was at the lecture to a distinguished audience of scientists, in which the explorer told how after year-long and persistent effort he had reached the North Pole. It was Commander's first lecture since his return from his last trip to the far north and was delivered under auspices of the National Geographic Society, which already had endorsed a discoverer of the pole.

## INSANE MAN A MURDERER.

Girl Tells That Mother Killed Her Father.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 12.—Henry Predeney, a patient at the Wisconsin State Hospital for the Insane, was found dead near his home in the summer of 1936 and believed to have been murdered by robbers, was today his wife, Margaret Predeney, a patient at the Dunning Insane asylum, according to a confession made today by Clara Predeney, her daughter, to Assistant Chief Police Schuttler.

## FIFTY MILE TIME CUT

George Roson Beats John Aike Record.

## STRANGE HARD LUCK

After Leading Terrific Pace For Seventeen Miles Powerful Fiat Blows a Tire—Specially Designed Pope-Toledo Wreck and Destroyed

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 12.—Today's automobile races and the climax when George Roson, driving a sixty-horsepower Fiat, won the American track record of 50 miles by 4.07. The previous record was held by John Aike, who drove a distance of 44.212. Aike, who drove a Fiat, today's race, finished 5th, and Stillman, who came third, a Marmon, both bettered the Indianapolis mark. Eight cars started in the contest and five of them finished.

Lewis Strang, piloting a 60-horsepower Fiat, set a terrific pace in the first seventeen miles, but in the eighteenth, as he was making the judge's stand, the tire blew and he was forced to retire. This compelled him to withdraw as it was impossible to make a special design of car, to the quick replacement of tire, and he withdrew.

### Terrific Pace.

His time for the first 50 miles was 7:15.23. Strang travelled an average of three seconds a mile faster than Robertson. Hugh Hays, driver of the Apperson Jack, had a hard time of it trying to out of the pocket made for him by

## BAYONETS COMPEL CAIRO TO BE QUIET

Seven Companies of Militia Escort Murder Suspect Out of Town.

## MAYOR SAYS HE WAS ASLEEP DURING RIOT

Coroner's Jury Says Lynched Men Died by "Unknown Hands," But Sheriff Mentions Names of Two He Recognized—Frequent Acquittals Responsible For Uprising.

(By Associated Press.)

CAIRO, ILL., Nov. 12.—With Arthur Alexander, the last of the persons arrested in connection with the murder of Miss Annie Pelley, safely out of town and the Fourth Regiment of Illinois National Guard, on guard in the streets and about the jail, tonight the mob spirit that kept Cairo ablaze with excitement for four days was quelled.

No crowds were allowed to gather at any place tonight and every known danger point was occupied by troops. Bayonets held sway where 24 hours before the rope, the torch and the pistol had been in evidence. Alexander, implicated in the murder of Miss Pelley by the dying statement of "Froggy" James, one of the victims of last night's mob, was sent to an unannounced point north of Cairo late today. He was escorted from the jail to a special train on the Illinois Central Railroad by seven companies of militia, two of which guarded the negro on the train during the trip.

### Crowd Jeers Militia.

There were jeers for the militia from the small crowd that watched the departure. "He'll come back," "Burn the nigger," and "We'll get him yet," came from spectators, who had been pressed back half a block from the entrance to the jail yard by soldiers.

Two sets of fours were in advance of the prisoner, who was handcuffed and flanked by deputy sheriffs and two sets of fours followed.

Three companies of bayonets cleared the street in advance of the escort and a like number followed in the rear keeping back the crowds that augmented at every cross street of the half mile march to the train. The display of force was greater than the Cairoites had anticipated; and while there were murmurs all along the line of march, there was no effort to break the line. Sheriff Davis, who made strenuous and repeated efforts for two days to save James from lynching, tonight said that disposition of Alexander had been left to the state officers. He began investigating the riots of last night.

### By "Unknown Persons."

Coroner's verdicts today were rendered on the two men lynched last night and in each case the jury found that, "He came to his death by injuries at the hands of persons unknown to us."

Sheriff Davis, in an extended interview today, told of recognizing several members of the mob which took James from his cell last night. He named the postmaster and a storekeeper of Karnak, Ill., as having accompanied some of the scouting parties that searched the woods yesterday for the sheriff and his prisoner.

### No Steps to Bring Those Implicated in the Uprising to Trial Have Been Made Yet

### Mayor Says He Was Asleep.

Mayor George Parsons said he was asleep last night and heard no shots or other sound to indicate that the city of which he is chief executive was in the hands of a lawless mob. Alexander M. Wilson, state's attorney, said that he was in several parts of the city last night trying to quell the mob spirit, but he would not say today that he recognized any of the leaders. He would present any evidence that came to him to a grand jury, he said.

While county officers previously declared that the evidence against "Froggy" James was purely circumstantial, they were inclined today to

lay stress on the evidences of his guilt.

The only ground for holding Alexander was declared to be the dying confession of James. None of the officers would acknowledge that any direct evidence of this alleged confession had come to him. In an effort to clear up the murder of Miss Pelley, the police today searched the houses frequented by James and Alexander for the missing money, handbag and bracelet of the murdered girl. They found nothing.

### Police Force Inadequate.

Blame for the riot is generally ascribed to an inadequate police force and the fact that many men accused of felonies have been acquitted, despite seemingly strong evidence against them.

"A whole regiment of soldiers could not have stopped the work of last night's mob," declared Mayor Parsons and Sheriff Davis echoed this statement, adding: "There would have been wholesale bloodshed had soldiers been here last night."

## JAMAICA SWEEP BY DESTRUCTIVE STORM

Railroads Washed Out and Great Damage Done to Crops—Ships Ashore.

(By Associated Press.)

KEY WEST, FLA., Nov. 12.—The naval station here received a wireless message this afternoon from Guantanamo stating that a destructive hurricane struck northeast Jamaica Wednesday, continuing Thursday, with unprecedented rainfall. Railroads were washed out and telegraph and cable connections interrupted. Great damage was done to the crops. It is estimated that 500,000 stems of bananas were lost.

The dispatch stated that the United States supply ship Eagle was driven into a pier at Kingston, but was later towed away from its dangerous position. The fruit steamers Bradford and Amada were washed ashore, but the latter was successfully floated.

## WASHINGTON WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT TREATY

Cuban Government Called Upon For Statement—Gomez Says Negotiations Are Not Complete.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—Through the United States minister in Havana, the state department has called upon the Cuban government for a statement of facts intended to disclose whether or not the newly negotiated treaty between Spain and Cuba constitutes such an arrangement would destroy the preferential treatment accorded to United States imports into Cuba under the existing Cuban reciprocity treaty.

The continuance in force of this treaty which has done so much to foster trade between Cuba and America probably depends upon the answer.

### Gomez's Statement.

HAVANA, Nov. 12.—President Gomez said tonight that the trade treaty between Spain and Cuba was merely in the stage of negotiations and even if it had been completed it still would require the sanction of the Cuban senate.

In any event, he added, Cuba never would consider a treaty with any foreign power that in the remotest degree would jeopardize the interests of the United States.

### Masonic Officers.

SAYANNAH, GA., Nov. 12.—At its session today the general grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States elected Harry M. Banks, of La Grange, Ga., master of the second veil, and Henry D. Hamilton, of New York, master of the first veil to fill vacancies caused by promotion.

### Pool Champion

(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 12.—Thomas A. Huston, of St. Louis, for a third time became the champion pool player of the world when he defeated John G. Kling in the fourth and final block of an 800 ball match tonight. The total score for the series stood—Huston, 599; Kling, 653.

## STRIKING AT TOP IN SUGAR FRAUDS

Bendernagel, For Thirty Years Havemeyer Refining Superintendent, Arrested.

## HIS RESIGNATION WAS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY

Following Statement That American Sugar Refining Company Will Reorganize Force, Comes News That Arbuckle Company Wants to Pay Government Duties Claimed.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—After months of quiet work behind the scenes by the government investigators, who have been scrutinizing the ins and outs of the complicated sugar import frauds, there came suddenly today the indictment and arrest of an important former officer of the American Sugar Refining Company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by false weighing of sugar.

The man arrested is James F. Bendernagel, for more than thirty years superintendent of the Havemeyer and Elder Refinery in Williamsburg, the largest plant of the American Sugar Refining Company.

### Resignation Announced Thursday.

It was regarded as significant that Bendernagel's resignation from this responsible position was announced by the company only yesterday. When arraigned before United States Commissioner Benedict and asked to give \$5,000 bail for his appearance at an examination set for next Monday, he produced a roll of bills from a waistcoat pocket and counted out the required amount.

The indictment returned against Bendernagel is of the blanket variety, including in its terms also the so-called "big six"—Oliver Spitzer, Thomas Kehoe, Edward A. Boyle, Jean M. Voelker, John R. Coyle and Patrick J. Hennessy, all of whom have been previously indicted on similar charges.

### Specific Charges.

The specific charges against Bendernagel are that he defrauded the government out of duty to the amount of \$1,694 in connection with the false entry of the nine million pounds cargo of the steamer Eva, which arrived from Cuba on August 1, 1937.

A little more than a hundred thousand pounds, were clipped off the real weight of the cargo when the customs charges were computed, according to the allegations of the indictment.

At one point the indictment relates the old charges made against four members of the so-called "big six," alleging the use of fraudulent devices on the scales used at the docks to short weight sugar, for the purpose of avoiding customs charges.

It was in connection with these charges that the government last spring recovered \$2,125,000 in duties and penalties.

### Arbuckle Company Brought In.

Following fast upon the announcement of the American Sugar Refining Company that a reorganization of the entire working force of the Williamsburg Refinery would be affected as a result of the weighing frauds discovered under the regime of Henry L. Stimson, as United States district attorney, came the development today that another large sugar importing concern, the Arbuckle Brothers Company, had begun negotiations with Mr. Stimson for the purpose of paying into the United States treasury duties on sugar imports which the government authorities claim should have been paid on past shipments.

The latest secrecy is being maintained by both the government prosecutors and the representatives of the companies, but there is a persistent report to the effect that indictments have already been found.

No definite estimate of the amount involved could be gained, but it is generally believed that the refund contemplated aggregates several hundred thousand dollars.

## DR. T. A. PARKER HEADS NEW ASSOCIATION

Executive Secretary Will Travel Through State For Anti-Tuberculosis Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 12.—The executive committee of the Virginia Anti-tuberculosis Association today made public the election of Dr. T. A. Parker, as executive secretary of the new body.

Dr. Parker has accepted the appointment and will at once enter upon his duties. With headquarters in Richmond he will travel through the State and will organize anti-tuberculosis work.

When seen today, Dr. Parker stated that his plans had not yet been perfected, and he could not say exactly along what lines he would operate. A distribution of Red Cross stamps, however, and the formation of local anti-tuberculosis societies will be among his first executive acts.

## VIRGINIA TECHS BEAT GEORGE WASHINGTON

Stubbornly Fought Contest Won by Substantial Margin on Varsity's Grounds.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 12.—In a stubbornly contested game here today, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute football team defeated George Washington University 17 to 8.

George Washington started off well, rushing the ball to the Virginians' twenty-five yard line, where Mercer kicked a goal from the field.

Thereafter the visitors' goal line was never in danger until near the end of the second half, when Crafts, the locals' left halfback, caught one of Hodgson's punts on his twenty yard line and ran the length of the field for a touchdown.

### Zelaya Claims Victories.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Nov. 12.—A cable message from President Zelaya of Nicaragua, received by Consul General Atchaf here tonight, states that the government forces recovered San Juan del Norte, or Greytown, on Thursday. No mention was made in the message of a battle in connection with the occupancy of the town.

## NO PITY IN PROSECUTOR

Madame Steinheil Painted in Blackest Colors.

## PASSIONATE PLEA TO JURY

M. Rielle Undertakes to Reconstruct Scenes and Denounces Prisoner as Most Wicked Type of Woman and Born Liar—Defense Scores.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 12.—The entire session of the Steinheil murder case today was taken up with an impassioned plea by Advocate General Trouard Rielle for the conviction of the woman who is charged with having killed her husband and her step-mother, and by reason of the fact that Mme. Steinheil's counsel, M. Aubin, is yet to be heard, doubt has arisen whether the fate of the woman will be given into the hands of the jury tomorrow.

The prosecutor showed neither pity nor mercy in his address to the jury. He painted the accused woman in the blackest of colors—as the most wicked type of woman, a born liar and as one whose whole life, before and after the crime, justified the presumption of her guilt. He developed the theory that after the rich and generous lover, Chouanard, abandoned her in 1907, Mme. Steinheil realized she was almost at the end of her tether and said when she got Maurice Bordenel in her clutches she was determined to hold him even at the price of murder.

### Burglars Styled Myths.

Against Mme. Steinheil's story that burglars had committed the crime, the prosecutor insisted that they were myths and he undertook to recon-

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## BOY BANDIT, AT BAY, TURNS GUN ON SELF

Earl Bullock Fails to Escape After Robbing Eudora Bank Second Time.

## UNRESISTING SPECTATOR GETS BULLET THROUGH JAW

Fifteen-year-old Companion of Dying

Young Outlaw Says He Was Led Into Crime by Lurid Stories—Bullock Had Lived Under Assumed Name After Murder and Robbery.

(By Associated Press.)

EUDORA, KANSAS, Nov. 12.—Earl Bullock, a boy bandit of Lawrence, Kansas, accompanied by William McKay, 15 years old of Jacksonville, Fla., today, in an attempt to repeat his exploit of a month ago, robbed the Eudora State Bank of \$800, after shooting Fred Starr, a banker, and later probably mortally wounded himself when closely pressed by armed citizens.

In his first hold-up of the Eudora State Bank, Bullock, who is 17 years old, shot and killed a policeman. Officers had about decided that Bullock had left the state with the loot of the previous hold-up. He and McKay entered the state bank about closing time.

Fred Starr, cashier of the Kaw Valley State Bank, of Eudora, who was in the state bank with his day's clearings, stood by as the outlaws held up the state bank's cashier, Henry Wilson. Although Starr offered no resistance to the hold-up, Bullock shot him through the jaw. Snatching more than \$800, Bullock and McKay fled. Each youth had two revolvers.

### Lost Ground at River.

Wilson spread the alarm and citizens armed with shot guns, rifles and revolvers pursued the bandits across the fields. In attempting to swim the Kaw river the boys lost ground and a few minutes later the pursuers were at their heels.

McKay surrendered, but Bullock, wrenching the revolver from his faltering partner's hands, sped on into a woods.

John Miller, a farmer, who knew nothing about the pursuit, stepped into Bullock's path and the boy, thinking him a pursuer, fired several shots that barely missed Miller. Seeing that the youth was ready to shoot at anyone, the pursuers fired a score of shots at Bullock, who returned the fire.

### Uses Last Bullet on Himself.

Thus the chase continued for some time, none of the shots exchanged between the citizens and their quarry taking effect. The hunted robber gradually losing ground, stopped and shouted: "I have only one bullet left, but I'll beat you yet." Then he fired his remaining bullet through his own head.

Thinking Bullock dead, most of the pursuers turned their attention to McKay with the intention of lynching him, some announced. Officers, however, hurried McKay to the Lawrence jail in an automobile.

### Murdered Policeman.

After Bullock held up the State Bank of Eudora, on October 11, he murdered Policeman William Pringle, who attempted to arrest the bandit at his home in Lawrence.

It was while in charge of Deputy Sheriff Woods, of Lawrence, who had arrested the boy on a charge of robbing a second hand store that Bullock drew two revolvers and forced Woods and Cashier Wilson into the State Bank vault. Then he snatched \$1,000, fled and was lost track of.

According to McKay, Bullock was diving at a fashionable hotel in Jacksonville under the name of "J. A. Donaldson." He had money on deposit in the Florida National Bank under that name, McKay said.

McKay, a tall, slender and apparently weak youth, was led into the crime by Bullock's lurid description of the thrilling life of a desperado.

"Bullock, whom I knew as Donald-

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